

May 8, 2017

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via online form

Re: Proceeding 17-108 (net neutrality)

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a Republican attorney and judge and am submitting these comments on my own behalf. I believe strongly in net neutrality based upon the facts as I know them as well as basic communication law and principles.

Regulation of communication channels of course is necessary both for fair competition as well as consumer access. Net neutrality will not stifle competition but rather will encourage all networks on an equal playing field. Net neutrality also benefits the consumer, most obviously because of free choice of unfettered services whatever any service might charge.

Mail, telegraph, telephone, parcel and internet channels have not been fettered by deliberate blocks or slowdowns in our history, most of that happening by federal regulation. And that's the way it should be in principle. We should be able to speak and hear clearly through whatever channel. The carrier should not control what is being said and heard.

A deliberate impediment to the speed, accessibility or clarity of the U.S. Mail or telephone lines for targeted senders or recipients would be unacceptable for obvious reasons. The same is true for the internet in today's age, and I'm 62 years old. Any obstruction to free speech goes against what this country stands for.

For the foregoing reasons, I fully support net neutrality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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